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Nebojsa Licanin (ex-Partizan) — now with J.U.S.T.

## ZAGREB STAR ON THE WAY

It's operation youth!



The Australian youth squad during the Victorian Cup late last year, from left, standing: Rudi Gutendorf (coach), Jim Patikas, Vlatko Belic, Glen Ahern, Denis Ivanac, Steve Blair, David Mitchell, Calvin Deunt, Danny Wright, Joe Visatis (assistant coach). Front: Robert Wheatley, David Watt, Brett Wodds, Paul Kay, John Little, Craig McLatchey, Peter Raskopoulos.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

David Mitchell who will be Australia's main forward in the Coca-Cola world youth championships, will use Taiwan as a sparring partner in the World Cup match in Adelaide next Wednesday night.

Mitchell and Blacktown's right forward Robert Wheatley will join fellow youth player Steve Blair in the Soccerroo team in the first stage of coach Les Scheinflug's youth policy.

More youth players will be used in later World Cup matches against Taiwan away, Fiji home and away, Indonesia away.

In doing so, Scheinflug and the ASF are turning adversity into advantage. While it is virtually impossible to overtake New Zealand in the Oceania World Cup group, at least the remaining games will be used to give the best young players practice for the youth titles in October.

Youth policy or no youth policy, Mitchell deserves to be among the Soccerroos on his form this season.

Scheinflug says of him: "He's an exciting young player, very quick and aggressive and hungry for shots."

"We have no-one to compare with him. Perhaps he's similar to Adrian Alston of old — he too was quick off the mark, tall and good in the air."

Mitchell, Wheatley and Blair are first choices for the national youth team. Other automatic selections are Peter Raskopoulos (Olympic), Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Paul Kay (Wollongong), Mark Koussas (Olympic), Oscar Crino (Institute of Sport) and Dave Skeen (St. George), so presumably, most of these will get a run in the Soccerroo team during the remaining World Cup programme.

Scheinflug has a list of about 30 names from which he will choose a squad for seven days of matches and training in New Caledonia from June 24. The youth team will play at least once against New Caledonia's national side.

In choosing a basically young 15-man squad for the World Cup match in Adelaide, Scheinflug omitted Steve Perry, Ken Boden, Gary Cole, Mark Jankovics, Martyn Crook, Bobby Russell and Alan Niven.

Russell came into the 22-man squad last week together with Mitchell, Wheatley and Marconi's Gary Byrne.

Byrne is certain to make his Soccerroo comeback in Adelaide. His last match was a 0-1 loss to Partizan Belgrade in Sydney in 1979.

Jim Tansey was in doubt after missing Heidelberg's match against Newcastle due to injury, but he assured Scheinflug on Monday that he would be fit by the weekend.

In choosing his 11 men for the game against Taiwan, Scheinflug has to make at least one very difficult decision.

If Tansey is to play left back, and Alan Davidson is to remain in midfield, and Byrne is to join Davidson in midfield, either Tony Henderson or Murray Barnes will have to be dropped.

And if Mitchell is to play up front, together with Peter Sharne, Scheinflug will have to decide between John Kosmina and Eddie Krncevic for the other forward position.

The squad is: Allan Maher, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic (Marconi), Steve Blair, Alan Davidson (St. Melb Hellas), John Kosmina, Murray Barnes (Sydney City Hakoah), David Mitchell (Adelaide City Juventus), Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Jim Tansey, John Yzen-dorn (Heidelberg Alexander), Greg Woodhouse (APIA).

Josip Kuze the Dynamo Zagreb defender, will join APIA-Leichhardt within two weeks as the latest of a growing band of Yugoslav players making their way to Australia.

Kuze joins APIA on a two-year contract. The move was organised by APIA's Zdenko Kafka, who was a team-mate of Kuze's at Dynamo Zagreb before coming to Australia to join Sydney Croatia.

Meanwhile Nebojsa Licanin, 30, a former Partizan Belgrade player, made his debut for Footscray J.U.S.T. in its 2-0 victory over Blacktown last Sunday.

Branislav Krstic, a 30-year-old central striker, is due to join Blacktown. At Napredak, Krstic was a team-mate of Blacktown's other Yugoslav, Jovan Djordjevic, and he also played in the West German Bundesliga for Nueremberg.

J.U.S.T. is still waiting for OFK Belgrade captain Ilija Petkovic who will play six guest games.

His arrival has been delayed as OFK continues to fight against relegation from the Yugoslav First Division.

Licanin had two contracts with Partizan Belgrade, covering seven seasons as

a first-team regular.

In between those two contracts, he spent a season on loan to Radnicki.

He played a season and a half with Greek club Aris in 1975-76, returned to Yugoslavia to do Army service, and then had two seasons back in Greece with Panserraikos.

It was while guesting with Egyptian club Krum of Alexandria that he got a call from Red Star coach Branko Stankovic who had been asked by J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic for players.

Stankovic, who had coached in Greece, remembered some of Licanin's excellent performances there, and decided that Licanin was the ideal man for J.U.S.T.'s midfield.

## Hellas-Olympic: a Greek feast

If you're Greek you're in for a soccer feast at Middle Park on Sunday when the pride of the Melbourne Greek community, South Melbourne Hellas, vies with Sydney Olympic for the right to proclaim itself the greatest Greek club in Australia.

And I think Hellas can come up trumps.

It took a side of undoubted class and organisation like Sydney City Hakoah to shatter Hellas's unbeaten record.

I doubt that Olympic is as good as its Sydney neighbour and I don't

think Hellas can play as poorly as it did against Hakoah.

But boy, are we soccer devotees in for a great game!

Olympic manager-coach Tommy Docherty prides himself on producing sides which love to go at the opposition, whether at home or away.

Mark Koussas, Roy Cotton, Graham Jennings, Mike Cross and Peter Katholos all have a nose for goals so the Hellas defence can't afford silly mistakes like the two which cost goals against Hakoah two weeks ago.

It really is a crackerjack PSL round on the weekend.

Apart from the Middle Park clash the Brisbane City-Sydney City Hakoah and Adelaide City-Canberra

games are vitally important to the outcome of the 1981 championship race.

I expect Sydney City to add further weight to its claim for the title by taking both points from Brisbane City at Spence Park on Sunday.

Brisbane sweeper Jimmy Dunne may put in a claim for overtime payments after John Kosmina, Kenny Boden and the brilliant Joe Watson finish with the local defence.

Canberra must take at least a point from the Adelaide encounter to maintain the momentum of its title challenge.

The visitors will find the fluent Adelaide City a tough nut to crack but if Canberra keeps things tight at the back it can leave with an important away point. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Government clamp-down

The Australian Immigration Department intends clamping down on the movement of temporary resident players between clubs.

Previously the Immigration department turned a blind eye to some swiches.

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Doveton had reached agreement over J.U.S.T.'s Irish imports Mike McIvor and Jim McLaughlin who signed with the Doves last week but the ASF, in keeping with an Immigration Department directive, has been unable to ratify the move.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre explained.

"The Immigration regulations specify that players on temporary residency can't be transferred."

"But from time to time when the players have encountered difficulties with their clubs Immigration has overlooked this regulation and allowed them to move."

"McIvor and McLaughlin weren't up to PSL standard as far as Footscray was concerned so theoretically both boys should return to Ireland."

Kim Wassell of Doveton is another who could suffer under the new clamp-down.

Wassell tried to join Victorian State League club Croydon last week.

Le Fevre received Wassell's letter asking for a move on Monday but in the light of the McIvor-McLaughlin affair Wassell may have to stay with Doveton.

The clubs concerned J.U.S.T., Doveton and Croydon — all reached an amicable agreement over the players. Unfortunately neither the clubs nor the players can now benefit.

McIvor and McLaughlin started work on Monday thanks to Doveton. Both were



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It's a two tiered sandwich as Arno Bertogna (left) and Paul Burrows got tied up with the Footscray J.U.S.T. defence.

## Bertogna, McClelland, Turner to move?

Newcastle defender Arno Bertogna was expected as we went to press, to transfer to Wollongong City. His transfer fee was expected to be close to \$20,000. The money was raised by Wollongong's 110 foundation members.

Bertogna, 22, was on Australia's 1978 tour of China and Taiwan and has played 13 games for the Socceroos.

He decided on a move to Wollongong after earlier having had talks with APLA.

Meanwhile, Newcastle midfielder-forward Malcolm McClelland has been transfer-listed for the \$500 stipulated in his contract, after a run-in with coach Alan Vest.

Wollongong's New Zealand international Brian Turner was due to have talks with Blacktown City coach Rale Rasic yesterday (Tuesday).

If they prove fruitless, Turner may return to New Zealand to rejoin Mt. Wellington.

Bertogna will vie for Bill de Graaf's position in Wollongong's defence. However, de Graaf played extremely well in the 1-1 draw with Marconi on Sunday. De Graaf also can play in attack or in midfield. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

# Adelaide City: dark horse for the title

It took Sydney City Hakoah a long time to finally put it all together but when the crunch came against South Melbourne Hellas, the Slickers produced the goods and reaffirmed their challenge for the championship.

Hellas is still in there as well, as is Canberra, and Marconi isn't too far away even though it hasn't yet clicked the way it can. When the Marconi men do fire, the rest of the league will have to run for cover.

But what about Adelaide City? The black-and-whites have been playing devastating football!

Without doubt, they are giving more to their spectators in entertainment value than any other team.

They play scientific soccer, they are mobile and imaginative. In fact, their style resembles the Continental more closely than any other.

The defence of Marshall, Russell, Perin, Jones and Bugsy Nyskohus is not only among the strongest in the league, but also among the most constructive.

And the attack, already the most prolific in the league, will get even better with the addition of guest player Justin Fashanu from Norwich City.



• Perin • Russell

During his visit last year, Adelaide City lost only one of its five games. He will be even more useful this time because he knows the players and the team's style now.

He's not the only player to come in. There's also Glen Dods who has been away with the New Zealand team on World Cup duty. We all know how good a player Dods is.

But the basic strength of Adelaide City is that most of the players have been together for a long time — the Nyskohus brothers, Perin, Marshall, Northcote, Russell, Melita, Villani.

So, instead of considering only Hellas and Sydney City when we talk about the 1981 title, let's not forget Adelaide City, the dark horse.

Just a word about Bobby Russell. He is enjoying a tremendous season and he is determined to fight his way back into

the national team. Russell is a determined competitor in defence and his recent goalscoring feats prove he also is the league's most attacking full back.

What a pleasure to be associated with Blacktown! Everyone wondered why I decided to join this relatively unglamorous club, but it has more to offer than most and I predict that within a short period, Blacktown will emerge as a major force in Australian soccer.

After losing 11 senior players from last year's squad, we now are slowly rebuilding. During this rebuilding process we are adhering strictly to one central principle: the club's pride and image always must take first place.

This pride is reflected in our supporters. Even when we were on the bottom of the ladder, the fans were in the club rooms singing: "We are the champions."

I'd rather have 3000 loyal supporters who stick with us through thick and thin than 6000 who come when we're winning and stay away during the bad times.

But mark my words: Blacktown's bad times will soon be over.

In answer to Andrew Dettre in "Soccer World" — what you neglected to mention when you compared our 1981 World Cup effort with that of 1973, is that in 1973 we had a well-established cohesive TEAM, which played together regularly as a unit. This has not been the case in 80-81.



**RALE RASIC**

## CAN TINY FIJI DO THE 'IMPOSSIBLE'?

There is still a mathematical possibility of Australia winning the Oceania World Cup qualifying group — but only the most reckless of punters would bet on it.

This possibility exists even though New Zealand beat Taiwan 2-0 in Auckland at the weekend.

It would require Fiji holding New Zealand at least to a draw in the Kiwis' last remaining match on August 17.

To overtake New Zealand, the

Socceroos then would have to win all their remaining games — starting with the one against Taiwan in Adelaide next Wednesday, and amass more goals than New Zealand.

It's a tall order indeed. New Zealand won its game against Taiwan with a goal in each half by Steve Woodin and Grant Turner — who are tipped to join Sydney City and Sydney Olympic respectively.

Barring the mathematical miracle outlined above, New Zealand will advance to the final Asian play-

offs against China, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia in Kuala Lumpur in October.

The top two will advance to the World Cup final tournament in Spain next year.

Fiji showed surprising ability in holding Indonesia to a scoreless draw in Suva on Sunday.

Fiji, trained by New Zealand Wally Hughes, did most of the attacking but failed to capitalise on its goalscoring opportunities.

Man of the match was Indonesian goalkeeper Poerwano who fended

off nearly a dozen attacks which might have won the game for Fiji. The game was watched by a crowd of 10,000 and played on a patchy, deteriorating pitch.

Standings in the Oceania group:

	W	D	L	F	A	pts
New Zealand	5	2	0	18	3	12
Australia	1	1	1	5	3	3
Taiwan	0	2	1	0	2	2
Fiji	0	1	1	0	1	1
Indonesia	0	1	0	0	1	1

Australia's remaining World Cup matches are Taiwan (Adelaide, June 19); Fiji (Suva, July 26); Fiji (in Brisbane, Aug. 14); Taiwan (Suva, Aug. 25); Indonesia (Suva, Aug. 30).

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## BERGERS ASLEEP, ROONEY WASTED

Is Melbourne breeding a new form of walking soccer?

I ask this after having watched Heidelberg recently put in a minimum amount of effort for a minimum return against Blacktown in Sydney.

It was a wet weekend and the Blacktown-Heidelberg game was one of the few professional games played in the capital.

I travelled one hour and 20 minutes by car to get to the game.

I will not say I wasted my time. Watching any soccer game is education to a soccer coach.

But entertained I was not. Neither were the other 2,500 hardy souls who found themselves watching a game of anti-soccer.

Heidelberg was a team of sleepwalkers. The pace of its game was several paces slower than the pedestrian style South Melbourne Hellas showed at the same Gabbie ground some two months ago.

It played the ball backward as much as it did forward, indeed goalkeeper Jeff Oliver continually was in the action taking Heidelberg back passes, whereas the Blacktown



**Mike Johnson**

goalkeeper Bruce James received one shot all day and that went past him.

With Blacktown using the offside tactic in defence, something which completely defeated the imagination and skill of the Heidelberg players, the game was a series of stops and starts which made the chill of the wet day even chillier.

There was another contributing factor nullifying the skill and pace of the game. This was the man-to-man marking used by Blacktown.

Heidelberg was using a 4-4-2 playing formation, with Joe McGrory and Gary Cole up front.

Rasic employed his usual 3-4-3 man-to-man tactic which the Heidelberg camp must have been aware of as well as the offside strategy now employed by Blacktown.

Yet, after the first 15 minutes, during which time Heidelberg scored an excellent goal; a deft flick by Cole, an incisive through ball by Camp-

engrossed in the game would have seen the aerial problem facing his team and acted accordingly.

However, it is the lack of effort of top players in Australia that bothers me the most at the moment, even more than the skill factor, which is a big enough concern.

Someone in the Blacktown crowd during the game remarked that there were several internationalists in the Heidelberg team, some of whom had played the previous week-end against New Zealand.

"Yes!" said his mate, "they didn't run then and they are not running now, look at them."

There was no Rudi Gutendorf to blame this time.

Blacktown, sweeper Milanovic organised the offside trap well, Selvaige did his usual steady midfield job and Burrows put in an enormous amount for his one goal — a commitment to the Heidelberg team.

At half time a section of the crowd next to me broke into a heated argument about the merits of coach Rale Rasic, some defending him and others saying that last year's coach Mick Jones, did twice the job for half the money. As another irate supporter said Blacktown would be relegated.

With Blacktown 0-1 down and bottom of the Phillips league this was not an unreasonable statement, but the second half performance and the subsequent 3-1 win made the prediction much less likely.

It is interesting to note the influence Rale Rasic still has in the game when one reads the papers the following day which talked of the good job he was doing at Blacktown.

If one compares that with what was achieved by the cast-off Mick Jones, that is less easy to substantiate at the moment.

Rasic also was able to persuade referee Tim Davies to allow Rasic an extended period on the field examining an injury to keeper James, something quite against the rules which referees always are quick to point out to coaches.



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Rooney is wasted playing wide in the four man midfield. He does not now have the running in him to do the job there, but he still has the skill and other qualities to dominate things from the centre of this midfield.

The problems Rooney has as a player coach were highlighted in this game.

Blacktown had a new tall striker, Peter Jones.

He dominated the small Heidelberg centre-back pairing of Yzendoorn and Monagle, winning the ball all day as he nodded passes to supporting players, one of which produced a goal.

Big Heidelberg stopper Provan was on the bench for the Melbourne outfit.

I felt sure he would be brought on at half time to counter the height of Jones. He wasn't.

I feel that Rooney sitting on the sideline instead of being



# TO THE EDITOR

## What have we achieved in twenty years?

SIR — I arrived here in January 1962 after a fairly successful full-time professional career in England with Middlesbrough, Bournemouth and Northampton.

I also had been player-manager of Gloucester City for one year.

I came to Melbourne, as I thought, to be player-manager-coach to Wilhelmina which is now Ringwood City.

The president of Wilhelmina who still controls the club now, led me to believe that he wanted to sit in his new grandstand and enjoy the game while I ran the team.

How naive I was. When I left I coached Essendon Croatia, Tokook and J.U.S.T.

I was Victoria's first director of Coaching (unpaid) and I was one of the six national coaching committee members recommended to the ASF that Rale Rasic be appointed national team coach.

My term as director of coaching was from 1967-1970.

I also was very much involved with the youth teams of Victoria and in the schools as well.

I mention all of this because I believe this background gives me the right to voice my opinion about the past and current happenings in Australian soccer.

At present I am manager, come publicity man, promotion man, secretary or whatever with Heidelberg Warriors alias Alexander or is it Fitzroy or Fitzroy Alexander, Heidelberg Alexander or Heidelberg United Alexander — wait a minute, it is now Heidelberg Warriors.

The more I look at the game in general the more I feel it is a schemozle as shown primarily by the Sir Arthur George and Rudi Gutendorf saga.

Running a close second would be the ASF Marketing Co.

Not far behind it is the demise of the Victorian State League and some of the organisational decisions of the Philips League.

Add to that some of the off-four games arranged at the drop of a hat and what does it all add up to — SHOCKING ADMINISTRATION!

Unfortunately too many would-be soccer administrators who put money into their own clubs or get elected on to committees immediately begin to think they are experts.

I found that out when I first arrived here.

That remark is for those who feel guilty at club level — the glory seekers.

Back to the top of the tree. I believe results speak for themselves — so what have we gained from 1962 to 1981?

Nothing, absolutely nothing!

If a coach put in such a poor performance over the years what would happen? No further comment is needed here.

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The Philips League: This is a great thing for soccer in Australia. The Rugby League body could not do it, that is go national.

The VFL is busting its gut to go national yet we have already achieved it in spite of lots of administrative bungling.

What would happen if the Philips company pulled out its sponsorship?

That's obvious — no more Philips League.

I could go on criticising because there is so much that is wrong and anyone and everyone can criticise.

What we need is people who know what to do to correct the mistakes made by those who have been unsuccessful.

All is not lost because Australia has bombed out of the World Cup in 1981. We do have the World Youth Cup in Australia this year.

To my mind this tournament will provide a greater opportunity to promote the game in Australia than our recent efforts in the World Cup.

If I had anything to do with it I would have designated \$500,000 of Sir Arthur's \$900,000 to promote the World Youth Tournament, especially in the marketing area.

What a great opportunity this is to sell the game here.

It makes me feel like crying at the way things are going — or should I say NOT going.

Here we have a truly Australian representative team playing in a tournament against countries from all over the world.

I feel like screaming at the top of my voice: Hey Sir Arthur, A.S.F. marketing and



OLLIE NORRIS

Rik Booth, please listen. Don't miss this opportunity. This is soccer in Australia. This is where it is going to happen. Australians get with it and support the young Australians. I ask you, what do you think the V.F.L. marketing firm would do with a marketing opportunity like that?

It would be rubbing its hands together in delight at the promotional scope it has and it would be counting the profits beforehand.

Apparently the Melbourneans have no say in anything that goes on in Sydney.

Here in Melbourne we have the best soccer stadium in Australia.

For the life of me I cannot work out why the final of the World Youth Tournament is being played on the Sydney Cricket Ground! and they make jokes about the Irish!

Before I finish this article there are a few other things that have to be said.

The A.S.F. should veto who is allowed to commentate on television about the game.

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I make no apologies to Tom Anderson but he is not the man for the job in my opinion.

To the Philips League teams in Melbourne I still say that they should have one representative in direct contact with the league in Sydney.

There should be a Philips League office here in Melbourne.

Perhaps the bigwigs in Sydney are afraid we might do a better job here. Mind you that wouldn't be too difficult, would it?

Another thing that needs to be rectified is that the person who represents the national coach in each state should be a competent, professional coach who is properly qualified and above all respected by the players.

The selection of this person is as important as the selection of the national coach.

May I remind you that when Rale Rasic was appointed national coach he was selected by a body of men who had played the game and each was an administrator in his own right.

In other words that recommendation was made by seven directors of coaching from N.S.W., Queensland, South Australia, N.T.W., Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria.

I am sure that Rasic's achievements justified our selection.

My suggestion to Arthur is before the next selection of a national coach is made please at least get advice from the professionals.

I doubt if Sir Arthur even knows me but I am willing to sit on any committee to help him in this respect.

I am sure Tommy Dockerty would also assist, and maybe Eric Worthington could be co-opted onto the panel.

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I would also invite another four people who really know what's what to choose Australia's next World Cup coach.

It would be a professional appointment.

From that panel a manager could also be chosen.

There should be no trips for the boys as in the past.

What a fiasco that last tour was in Europe and England.

The whole set-up needs a good shake-up — and I include the Philips League in that as well.

Finally we have a second chance to make soccer No. 1 in Australia.

I plead with the administrators: Don't blow it!

It is a fact that wherever a world tournament is played whether it is tennis, basketball, soccer or whatever, there is always an upsurge of interest in that sport immediately afterwards.

So we have our chance. Let's not waste it.

We should get all of the Australian players in by way of marketing on television, radio and the press with the slogan: "Australia! Support the young Australians!"

Over to you Rik!



CHARLIE PERKINS (pictured), was player-coach of Pen Hellenic in Sydney and Croatia and Budapest in South Australia where he also captained the State team. He played for Bankstown in Sydney, had a year on trial with Everton in England and was president of Canberra City from 1978 to 1980. Perkins started playing professionally at 15 and is still playing today, at 45, with the Canberra Nomads in the A.C.T. Fourth Division. One of his occasional teammates is former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren. Perkins caused a furore when, in an article in "Soccer Action" in March, he called for the sacking of Rudi Gutendorf. He takes up arms anew in calling for ASF president Sir Arthur George to resign in the wake of Australia's World Cup failure...

# STEP DOWN SIR ARTHUR

Sir Arthur George has had control of soccer for 11 years. He has been directly influential in the major areas of administration and decision making, so I and many others hold him directly responsible for the state in which the game finds itself.

I therefore call for Sir Arthur's immediate resignation and, of course, I'm not the only one.

Sir Arthur has business expertise second to none but I do not believe he has come to grips realistically with the problems that are peculiar to Australian soccer.

We still do not have an acceptable and workable relationship between junior and senior soccer, between the State and national interests, between amateurs and professionals.

We do not have a situation where the people at grass roots level — the little people who raise the money to keep the little clubs going — feel involved and a part of Australian soccer as a whole.

We must ask why, in 11 years, Sir Arthur has failed to inspire such feelings among the rank and file of the sport.

We must praise him for the money he has brought into soccer but I believe the money has not been placed into the right areas. Our expensive administrative set-up is not orientated towards meeting the real needs. We are paying the wrong people to do the wrong jobs.

I believe, as I have said before, that the costly marketing body is doing little more than pulling the wool over the eyes of the soccer fraternity

with mumbo-jumbo far removed from the reality of the sport.

What I'd like to see is the appointment of some high-powered management consultants to rethink our entire administrative set-up. The ASF should immediately put aside \$50,000 or even \$100,000 for a company of such consultants to do a paper on what our priorities and objectives should be and about how the various facets of the sport should be structured in relation to each other.

The objective of it all must be to make people feel they belong to something meaningful, instead of to a collection of cliques, vested interests and facade arrangements.

In addition, there should be an advisory body comprising former players, coaches, perhaps even top-flight administrators, with fresh ideas and common sense, who can make recommendations about the game, particularly in areas that require technical expertise.

And, as I have written before in this newspaper, we must all realise that we are in Australia, not in Liverpool, Hamburg or Athens.

We have to play an Australian brand of soccer — not inferior or superior to the overseas varieties, but with a nature all its own. There is no need to copy, or to imitate. England thought she was the best in the world and everyone emulated her soccer until Hungary came along and scored a whopping victory at Wembley.

South American soccer was laughed at for a long time, yet now it leads the world. Times change, attitudes change, but the stronger soccer nations retain a sense of identity. Australia hasn't even found one yet.

For a start, no-one should be able to play for Australia even in a "friendly" unless he is fully

naturalised. That is the accepted custom all over the world.

And let's have only well-established, Australian-based coaches. No more imports from overseas!

I watch with alarm as the Philips League struggles against rising costs and falling attendances. As part of the management study we will have to look at better ways of funding, more acceptable travel and accommodation arrangements, and more realistic player payments, otherwise the PSL will not survive. The clubs also must spread their tentacles deeper into their surrounding districts — and they can do that without denying their ethnic origins.

I don't think regionalisation of the PSL is a good idea, because I believe with a more realistic approach, the PSL can work in its present form. It's just a matter of rationalisation of wages and transfer fees — and that's where the ASF has for so long shirked its responsibility. Surely it is time for the ASF to step in and set firm guidelines in this area.

The State Leagues have been slipping badly, but they can be bolstered immediately if we open up the PSL to automatic promotion and relegation, rather than the selective system that exists at the moment.

Relegation to the State League does not, like so many clubs seem to think, mean going to hell. Quite the opposite. As St. George and Sydney Olympic demonstrated, relegation presents the chance to consolidate and regroup.

Soccer lost a lot in the Socceroos' World Cup failure, but it certainly did not lose everything.

If we reorganise and tackle our problems realistically I believe we still can overtake Rugby League.

## Hellas to meet visiting New Zealand team

South Melbourne Hellas has been invited to play three games in New Zealand in September-October.

The invitation comes from the Hanimax national league club which would cover all of Hellas's expenses.

Hanimax will first visit Melbourne to play against Hellas on August 5 at Olympic Park.

That trip will be financed by the club's sponsor, Hanimax, the camera manufacturer.

The team includes New Zealand internationals Duncan Ormond, Kevin Weymouth and Adrian Elrick.



No worries mate, the Kiwis are on the way to Spain. New Zealand manager John Adhead (right) is joined by coach Kevin Fallon with the thumbs-up sign after NZ's triumph over Taiwan on Sunday.

## MORLEY SEEKS MOVE

Steve Morley of Tasmanian State League club George Town United is looking for a transfer.

Morley, 23, is from England and played for Marawatu United in the New Zealand

national league before moving to Tasmania.

He would prefer to stay in Tasmania but would consider moving to the mainland.

He can be contacted at 2A Elphin Road, Launceston, Tas, 7250.

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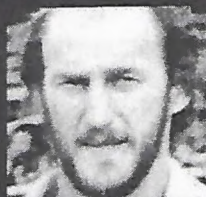
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# GOLDEN FLEECE SERVICE STATION ST ALBANS... A & C AQUILINA & SONS THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE GREEN AND WHITES



**DAVID HOGBEN.** Utility: Starting his third season in senior soccer after breaking into the first team in August '79. A tight marker, David is also a keen overlayer who is bound to benefit from playing alongside John Gardiner. Age 19.



**LOU DENYS.** Goalkeeper: If all goes according to plan Lou will establish a new State League record of 100 consecutive league appearances halfway through the season. He has not missed a league match since joining the club from St. Albans in April 1977. Turned 30 last month.



**DANE BERANIC:** Won the 1980 Weinstein Medal as the best junior player in Victoria. Skilful, strong, versatile this youngster has a big future in Australia soccer.



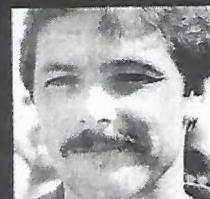
**PETER LEWIS.** Fullback: Signed from Altona for a bargain \$1000. Came to Australia in March '76 and spent two years at Sunshine before moving to Altona in June '78. Captained the Maroons for two seasons. Age 25.



**STUART CANNELL.** Centre back: Signed from Altona City for \$2000 in January. Came to Australia in June '79 after playing for Doncaster Rovers in English 4th Division. Was an ever-present with Altona last year and scored 3 goals including 2 from the penalty spot. Age: 21.



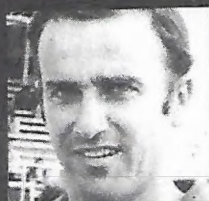
**JOHN GARDINER.** Utility: Signed for \$5000 in February from Croatia which he led to league and cup honours. Spent 8 months with Hellas in the PSL in 1977. Previously won two Rothmans Medals at George Cross. Represented Victoria 15 times. Age: 33.



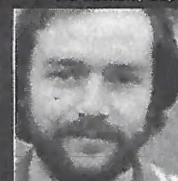
**GERRY BENNETT.** Fullback: Came to Gully at the same time as Billy Morrey last year. A tireless worker who contributed greatly to the club's league success and Ampol Cup win. Age 22. Rarely ever gets into trouble with referees but had a sensational baptism in Australian soccer, being sent off on his debut for the club against Werribee in the Dockerty Cup.



**KIT GREECHAN.** Midfielder: Signed in a swap deal from Western Suburbs. The first division club got \$1500 in cash and Billy Vojtek as player-coach in exchange. Came to Australia in 1977 after playing for Celtic's reserves and Peterhill in Scotland. Helped Albion to the 1st Division championship and then was a regular in their two State League seasons. Age 25.



**WILLIE VASSALLO.** Midfielder: The only player apart from Lou Denys who played in both Ampol Cup finals. First brought over on a two year loan from Floriana in Malta then secured on a permanent basis last season for \$4000. Formerly the captain of both Floriana and the Maltese national team, Willie won the club's player of the year in 1979. Age 30.



**JIM WILLIAMS.** Midfielder: The club's most recent buy for \$4000 from Heidelberg, Jim came from South Liverpool to play for Slavia. He was in the Slavia side which lost to Gully in the Ampol Cup final in 1979. Played most of his State league games as a winger, but was used in midfield by Len McKendry at Heidelberg and in the Victorian State team. Age: 27.



**KEVIN WALL.** Striker: Came up through the juniors at Frankston Pines and was an instant hit in his first State League season last year ending up as Frankston City's top scorer with 12 goals in 20 league games. Was chased by five clubs after being awarded a free transfer by the VSF disputes tribunal when the Baysiders broke his contract. Age 20.



**GUS McLEOD.** Striker: Has already proved his worth by top scoring in the Ampol Cup and scoring the winning goal in the final. Was sought by Bobby McLachlan after nearing a century of goals in Scottish non league soccer with leading club Pollock. Prior to that served St. Mirren, Hamilton and Berwick Rangers, during a period of eight years. Age 30.



**BILLY MORREY.** Winger: Considered one of the old boys in the side despite only starting his second season here this year. Scored four goals in 1980 but his main task this year will be to provide the service down the wings for the two strikers although a few in the net from him won't go to waste. Billy joined Gully from Marine (UK). Good turn of speed and is not easy to dispossess with his tank like build. Age 29.

## Ajax: now the big test!

Green Gully Ajax faces its biggest test of the season when it takes on Victorian State League rival Croatia at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

These two fought to a standstill in the 1981 Ampol Cup and a penalty showdown was needed to split them.

The State League championship is a particularly inviting scalp for both camps.

Ajax and Croatia will mount strong campaigns for inclusion in the 1982 PSL and the State League championship will give added weight to such campaigns.

With Ajax perched proudly on top of the league, Sunday's game takes on enormous magnitude.

The rapidity of Ajax's rise is astonishing. The club is in its fifth year of State League competition and already has two Ampol Cups to its credit.

The strength of Ajax lies in its grass roots support.

Members, committeemen, manager-coach Bobby McLachlan and the players are united in their commitment to one aim - success for Ajax this year and a successful application for PSL membership in 1982.

The club boasts magnificent social rooms at Green Gully Reserve. St. Albans, excellent changing areas and the promise of even better facilities.

A Press box, air conditioning for the social rooms and improved floodlighting are high on the priority list of Ajax's building program.

The committee was staggered by the recent response to its request for members to help with the cost of air conditioning.

Ajax members raised \$20,000 and installation work begins this week.

The major change at Ajax this year has been the enormous turnover of playing staff.

Newcomers are Gus McLeod, John Gardiner, Stuart Cannell, Peter Lewis, Jim Williams, Kit Greechan, Kevin Wall and Scottish striker Gordon Wallace who arrived last Friday.

These players, along with Lou Denys, Gerry Bennett, Willie Vassallo, Bill Morrey, David Hogben, Dane Beranic, Ron Kremers, Lino Grech and Michael Lukac make up Ajax's first team squad.

The fortunes of the club rest heavily upon them.

Youngsters Beranic, Kremers and Lukac were "blooded" in the Victoria Cup last year and play a major role in the success of Ajax's young reserve side which is in fourth spot in the league.

Ajax now fields an under-19 team as well as a side in every junior age group.

The club's honours include two Ampol Cups, Second Division champion in 1971 and First Division champion in 1976.

Ajax might once have been a small club.

Now it's a business.

Above are some of the players employed by the club to win glory for the green and whites in 1981. — CRAIG MAC KENZIE.







# STEVE BLAIR SAVES HELLAS

## Canberra 2 Sth Melb. Hellas 2

Goals: MacLaren, Brennan (C); Christopoulos pen, Blair (SM).

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, M. O'Shea 7, Williams 7, J. O'Shea 7, Stark 8, Byrne 8, Purdie 7 (Cole 45th 8), Gibson 7, MacLaren 8, Valeri 7 (Farrell 78th), Brennan 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 7, Bannon 8, Davidson 7, Shirra 7, Blair 7, Christopoulos 8, Lutton 74th, Stevenson 7, Campbell 8, Evans 7, Cummings 7, Buljevic 7.

Yellow Cards: Shirra, Bannon. Crowd: 6247. South Melbourne Hellas scraped home to a 2-2 draw against Canberra to maintain

their top spot after a fantastic encounter that produced the best soccer seen in Canberra for years.

And this despite a continual downpour and slippery, treacherous conditions.

It was a memorable, champagne football from the PSL's two top sides.

But Canberra's coach George Murray was right when he said that Canberra should have won and that its strikers muffed far too many sound chances.

Had they been converted, Canberra would have been three or four goals up at half time.

Even when 2-0 in front after just 36 minutes, it looked all over but for the shooting.

Canberra was superb fluid,

fast, attacking soccer that cut Hellas's defence to pieces.

Hellas withstood immense pressure for the first 45 minutes and wilted, finally, in the 24th minute when Walter Waleri sent Tony Brennan racing through and Canberra's speedy striker beat Peter Laumets with a fine shot.

Ten minutes later Canberra grabbed their second.

This time Don MacLaren was the goalscorer after making space 25 yards out and clearing a magnificent, dipping shot that thundered into the roof of the net with Laumets off his line and well beaten.

It was a great goal and the 6,247 brave souls who had forgotten about the miserable conditions had plenty to chant and cheer about.

It was perhaps Canberra's classiest football of the year.

They really deserved the lead — in fact it would have been considerably more had the strikers taken the chances. But then, seemingly down and out, South Melbourne were allowed to slip off the hook.

Just 60 seconds of the first half remained when Canberra fullback Harry Williams ended hard-working, diminutive Scot George Campbell in the box and referee Bob Mee pointed immediately to the spot.

Big George Christopoulos was the player who converted the spot kick and gave his team new heart, new hope.

The second half saw Hellas show, for the first time, why they are clear PSL leaders as they regained control of the

vital midfield and began to look more dangerous near goal.

Yet precious few shots ever broke through Canberra's defence.

Canberra's coach George Murray's tactic of bringing back Roy Stark to the fray paid off handsomely as he brilliantly contained the lanky Branko Buljevic.

Finally it was left to Steven Blair to grab the equaliser.

And no one would criticise the goal. It was a brilliant one, the best of the game.

Blair was some 30 metres out when he made space and let loose a first-time piledriver that like Donald MacLaren's for Canberra, dipped in the air and found the roof of the net.

But Canberra still created chances and twice shots were blocked on the line — first by second-half replacements Berrie Lutton off MacLaren and then Laumets from Isaac Farrell.

The final 10 minutes saw Canberra in control and bombarding South Melbourne's goal.

Finally it took the goalpost — and bad luck — to deny the home side victory.

Brennan had beaten the agile Peter Laumets with a ground shot and under-standably hung his head in despair as it rapped the post and bounced out.

Canberra, in a game of two halves, should have won.

As George Murray said: "I suppose half a loaf is better than none but we should have won."

Peter Windsor

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His Hellas counterpart John Margaritis was quick to praise Canberra as a classy side.

"I'm happy with the point," was his comment — so was the comment of a coach breathing a sigh of relief away from home after being lucky to share the spoils.

But as Margaritis also commented, "We're still on top and I'm sure we will now stay there."



Charlie Villani heads towards Brisbane City's goal, getting to the ball just ahead of Brian Northcote (No. 12). Also pictured, from left: Jimmy Dunne, Frank Pimblett, David Mitchell, David Ratcliffe, Bill Wilkinson. Picture: Frank Hobbs

## MITCHELL STRIKES AGAIN

### Adel. C. Juventus 1 Brisbane City 0

Goal: Mitchell (Ad City)

81st minute.

Cautions: B. Wilkinson, Caldwell, Kelsa (Bris City). Crowd: 3,300

Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Weather: Wet and cold

Referee: Don Campbell

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 - Russell 8, Jones 7, Perin 9, B. Nyskohus 8 - Melts 7 (Dods 60th), Villani 7, Manou 7 - Mitchell 9, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 8 - Ratcliffe 7, Dunne 8, B. Wilkinson 8, Hamilton 7 - Caldwell 7, Pimblett 7, Gaffney 8 - Kelsa 7 (McVeigh 65th), Palinkas 7, P. Wilkinson 7.

David Mitchell, 18, scored the only goal of the match against Brisbane City and impressed national coach Les Scheidegger with his performance.

The tall, striding striker is not afraid to mix it with the big boys and twice he hurried over defenders to get to high crosses.

He has shown far more commitment than many of the current Socceros.

Mitchell's 81st minute goal was a vital one because Brisbane City looked all set to grab a point after goalkeeper Martin Coe saved them with a string of superb saves.

His best save came in the 36th minute when he frustrated Charlie Villani who shot from five metres.

Adelaide City were well on top at that stage but could have suffered a nasty reverse just three minutes later.

Joe Palinkas ran on to a through pass and lobbed the ball over Peter Marshall while the Giants defence stopped, believing the move to be off side.

However, the linesman did not raise his flag and it was left to Don Campbell to disallow the goal.

A goal at the stage would have been "handy" for Brisbane City which looked efficient in everything it did.

But Adelaide City deserved the points because they were always willing to attack and had a far more positive attitude.

Their midfield worked well together in the first half, creating plenty of space and chances up front for the strikers.

Brisbane City had their best period in the second half when their midfield began to get on top.

But Giants coach Bob D'Ottavio, sensing his team was fading, sent on Kiwi international Glen Dods, fresh from New Zealand's 2-0 win over Taiwan the day before.

## Heidelberg 1 Newcastle 2

Goals: Campbell 42nd, Storey 47th, 82nd.

Venue: Olympic Park.

Crowd: 2000 (estimated).

Referee: Venios 6.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6, McMillan 6, Provan 6, Yzenoorn 7, Mihailidis 6; Cole 6, Yankos 6 (Rooney 55th, Campbell 6, Selemidis 6, patron 6, McGrory 6).

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outside the area, the ball deflected off a defender to Grant Storey whose shot gave Jeff Oliver no chance.

Midway through the second half Jamie Paton headed on a cross from Campbell against the upright but the ball ran kindly for Newcastle, rebounding the right way into the grateful hands of Dando.

Young fullback John Mihailidis 16, stepped in at the last minute for Jim Tansey who was injured midweek at training. The youngster performed reliably until eight minutes from the end when he failed to move out with the rest of the defence, putting Storey onside to receive a through pass from Senkalski on the opposite wing and then race through with only the keeper to beat to net the winner.

The victory was Newcastle's first for six weeks after conceding five defeats on the trot and was achieved despite the loss of captain Roy Drinkwater after only five minutes Drinkwater twisted an ankle and tried to return to the field after treatment but lasted only three more minutes before having to go off to be replaced by Steve Sumner.

Newcastle's guest player was Mike Channon arrived on Saturday and once he recovers from the jet lag should prove a big help for the side.

Adelaide complained bitterly that Martyn Crook had been forced to play.

Paul Ontong, playing in his 10th PSL match, forced Crook to make a brilliant save in the second half.

For the first goal Hermiston swung a free kick across to the left, where the defence allowed McNaughton time to loop his header over Crook.

Bennett's goal came just after the half.

But Hellas pulled a goal back following a corner, when leftback Vic Bozanic gave Nigel Lownds no hope with a splendid goal from some 30 metres out.

Lions restored their two goal lead only seven minutes later with Latchford successfully from close in after Steven Hogg had crossed to enable Low to jink his way past Bozanic.

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### MATCHES PLAYED SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

VENUE	TEAMS	K.O. 2.30 pm
Sports Stadium	Western Victoria v Sunraysia	
Beisher Park	Ballarat v I & ASLV	
Ewing Park (A)	Bendigo v North Eastern	
Ewing Park (B)	Latrobe Valley v Northern Victoria	

### MATCHES PLAYED SUNDAY 7th JUNE

VENUE	TEAMS	K.O. 10 am
Sports Stadium	Northern Eastern v Latrobe Valley	
Beisher Park	Bendigo v Northern Victoria	
Ewing Park (A)	Ballarat v Sunraysia	
Ewing Park (B)	I & ASLV v Western Victoria	

### MATCHES PLAYED SUNDAY 7th JUNE

VENUE	TEAMS	K.O. 3 pm
Sports Stadium	Sunraysia v I & ASLV	
Beisher Park	Western Victoria v Ballarat	
Ewing Park (A)	Latrobe Valley v Bendigo	
Ewing Park (B)	Northern Victoria v North Eastern	

## QUEENS BIRTHDAY MONDAY 8TH JUNE 1981

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Dods added that spark to the midfield and in the end played a big part in the win despite being on for 30 minutes.

Mitchell's goal came when he latched on to a ball in a crowded penalty area and despite being pulled by a defender shot into the corner past a surprised Coe — the only time he was beaten in the match.

Brisbane substitute John McVeigh almost snatched a last minute equaliser but his header was steered to safety by David Jones.

Brisb. Lions 3  
WA - Hellas 1

Scorers: McNaughton 39th, Bennett 46th, Latchford 69th (BL). Bozanic 62nd (WA). Ground - Richards. Weather - Fine and cool. Crowd - about 2500. Referee - C. Amos 8.

Cautions - Bozanic (WA). BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Ontong 8, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8, Niven 8, McNaughton 7 (Ogden 80th) McLean 7, Ferris 7, Low 8, Latchford 7 (McGregor 77th), Hogg 6.

WEST ADELAIDE (Hellas): Crook 7, McKie 6 (Haig 69th), Kambas 6, Forde 7, Bozanic 7, Boyle 7, Brown 6, McGregor 6, Koulianos 6 (Atwalas 69th), Norris 5, Honeymen 6.

When West Adelaide have all their injured players back and new coach Peter Jaksa settles in here, they might see some light at the end of the tunnel.

But Lions were never in danger of losing this one, despite the absence of leading scorer Ron Millman, who is out for at least six weeks with a broken leg.

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# WHO SAID LOU WAS FINISHED?

## Sydney City Hakoah 2 Preston Makedonia 0

**Scorers:** Souness pen. Watson.  
**Ground:** Sydney Athletic field  
**Crowd:** 1492.

**Referee:** Tim Davies 9.  
**HAKOAH:** Clarke 7 — Iullen 8, Spanos 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8 — Patikas 8 (in ant 70th), Souness 8, Barnes 8 — Watson 10, Kosmina 8, oden 8.

**MAKEDONIA:** Kastner 10 — Rainey 8, Ollerton 7, gham 6, Petrovski 7 — ulknar 6, Whitte 6, Flavell 6 — Cullen 6 (Lucchesi 80th), cMillan 6, Brown 7.

Makedonia supporters could shower praise on goalkeeper Lou Kastner who stood out between his team's 2-0 win and a scoreline which said have severely embarrassed everyone connected with the club.

It took a 25th minute penalty to give Ken Boden's penalty attempt awarded after Boden on a magnificent solo run which ended when he was

brought down inside the Makedonia area.

Only Kastner's superb reactions stopped John Kosmina from grabbing a bagful of goals.

Twice in both half Kosmina must have thought that he had scored.

Kosmina was flattened in the area in the 25th minute and Ian Souness converted the resultant penalty.

Joe Watson, ravelling Kastner for the man of the match, set-up Kosmina minutes later.

The Soccerroo striker, controlled well, swivelled then hammered a fierce drive which Kastner tipped over.

Watson's 65th minute drive would win any goal-of-the-month competition.

Two minutes later Watson



Roger Sherack

## MATCH RATING 7

hit another screamer but almost unbelievably Kastner tipped it wide.

And I remember a Melbourne journalist, I think it was the man the stars talk to, saying that Kastner was on the way out.



Lou Kastner saved face for Makedonia with a scintillating display against Sydney City Hakoah.

# Olympic, APIA thrill the fans

## Sydney Olympic 1 APIA Leichhardt 3

**Scorers:** Olympic: Peter Wilson own goal 79th min. Leichhardt: Kafa 31st Mossello 59th, Pirie 90th.

**Cautions:** Kafa (Leichhardt).  
**Ground:** Pratten Park.  
**Conditions:** Very wet and difficult.

**Attendance:** 5378.  
**Referee:** Gary Power — 8.

**OLYMPIC** — P. Wilson 8, Moulis 8, Ziros 8, Rowden 7, Palmer 7, Raskopoulos 7, K. Wilson 8, Ketholos 8, Cotton 7 (Sub: Leing 71st), Koussas 7 (Sub: Scott 62nd), Jennings 7.

**LEICHHARDT:** Woodhouse 9, Casacchia 8, Pullen 8, P. Wilson 8, Hughes 8, McAusland 8, Kafa 8, Zecomer 7, Soper 7 (Sub: Pirie 62nd), Mossello 8, O'Connor 8.

If points were given for entertainment value in soccer this one would have rated 10 out of 10.

It was a thriller from start to finish in conditions that were not fit for man nor beast.

The rain poured down throughout the afternoon and the playing pitch was a sea of mud.

But it did not deter either team with the result being an all-action game with thrills and spills in abundance.

Over 5,378 brave souls turned out in the terrible weather to watch the action and although wet to the skin they lapped up every minute of it.

Indeed it was a pity the weather was so unkind as this game would have drawn at least 10,000 spectators.

The result, to those who were not present at this clash, would indicate that APIA Leichhardt had a convincing win.

Don't be fooled for a minute that this happened — Olympic had 75 percent of the play.

Unfortunately it just had nobody to finish off good lead.



Tom Anderson

## MATCH RATING 9

up work and chances were bough.

Also Olympic came up against a Leichhardt defence which was inspired and a defence that gave 120 percent.

Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse had one of those days when all went according to plan — he stopped everything Olympic threw at him.

In fact, the goal that Olympic did score was put past him by his own captain Peter Wilson, who blasted the ball into the net when trying to clear.

Olympic started like a house on fire and attacked with great determination.

However it was Leichhardt which opened the score when elegant midfielder Kafa volleyed home a great shot that rebounded into the net off Olympic defender Ian Rowden in the 31st minute.

Tony Mossello got another in the 59th minute and it looked all over.

However when Wilson put through his own goal, it was on for young and old Olympic surged forward in waves.

Totally exposed in trying to grab the equaliser Billy Pirie added Leichhardt's third going into injury time.

Olympic lost the points but certainly did not lose any friends.

Its supporters cheered it off the field at the end of the game — an unusual happening at Pratten Park after a show.

But it just goes to show that soccer is entertainment. Give the customers this and they will love every minute of it.

# JIM KONDARIOS STANDS TALL

## Footscray JUST 2 Blacktown 0

**Goals:** Ilioski 53rd, Kakantonis 85th.  
**Venue:** Schintler Reserve.  
**Crowd:** About 2300.  
**Referee:** Faen 7.

**Cautions:** Pollard, Burrows, Donnell (B), Kyriakoulas 1.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Boland — Milne 7, Kondarios 9, Kyriakoulas 8, Lazzabent 7 — oski 8, O'Reilly 8, Jovanovic 8, Cozzella 7, Licanin 7 (Kantonis 73rd), Lujic 9.

**BLACKTOWN:** James 8, Vheatley 5 (Cuk 73rd), Milvanovic 8, Pointer 7, Pollard (Rasmussen 6, half time) — ordjevic 6, Salvage 6, Culina O'Donnell 7 — Jones 8.

Blacktown's offside trap cklined as Footscray JUST rmed to a 2-0 victory at hinter Reserve.

The victory lifted JUST four slions up from last place.

Zdravko Lujic and Slobodan vanovic are the men who ecked the offside trap.

Jovanovic, after a quiet first if, began a series of incisive rough balls which abled Lujic to dash away wn the left wing, covering if the length of the pitch in each run.

The Jovanovic-Lujic comation so demoralised Blacktown's young right back bert Wheatley that he was



Laurie Schwab

## MATCH RATING: 7

taken off during the second half.

Jovan Djordjevic, Blacktown's big hope on the right flank, was shifted back to mark Lujic but without much success.

It was after this change by Blacktown coach Rale Rasic that Lujic set up JUST's second goal.

As usual it was a pass from Jovanovic that sent him away down the left. He then played the ball square for substitute Steve Kakantonis to stab low into the net.

The victory was a triumph not only for Lujic and for coach CadoCirkovic, who master-minded the tactics, but also for tall defender Jim Kondarios who broke up Blacktown's best attacks, aided by Kyri Kyriakoulas and goalkeeper Dennis Boland who made some brilliant saves.

Blacktown pressured relentlessly after JUST had scored

its first goal but although they tried hard, strikers Peter Jones and Paul Burrows, fed by long balls from Brian O'Donnell and Mike Milvanovic, failed to find a way past Kondarios.

The match featured the Australian debut of Footscray's Yugoslav import Nebojsa Licanin who demonstrated impressive skill in the first half and certainly outshone Djordjevic but tired and was replaced by Kakantonis in the 73rd minute.

JUST took the lead in the 53rd minute. Lujic barged past defenders on the half line and managed to slip the ball to captain Zoran Ilioski before being flattened. Ilioski, 30 metres from goal, lined up a brilliant lob shot over goalkeeper Bruce James, in the net.

Within four minutes Boland was called upon to preserve that lead by making a spectacular save of a shot by Jones.

At the other end James dashed to the corner of the penalty area to dive at the feet of Lujic who had intercepted a bad back pass from Milvanovic.

Kakantonis' second goal came five minutes from the end but even then to its credit, Blacktown continued to fight furiously from a hopeless position.

Licanin showed off his skill in the 35th minute. He ran into the penalty area, where he outfoxed Djordjevic with two deceptive body movements, then got past Cliff Pointer as well, but his shot was pushed against the post by Bruce James.

After the game, Rasic said that the offside tactic involved a high degree of risk, but he was disappointed that Blacktown had lost through "silly" goals.

Cirkovic was quiet and modest as usual, but he did praise his team for its second-half performance.

Kondarios was the man of the match. He won everything in the air and gave everything he had in protecting his goal. Lujic was the avenue to goal, and Jovanovic had an excellent second half. Kyriakoulas and Boland were sound in defence, and Jovanovic's midfield partners, Ilioski and Jim O'Reilly, both did their jobs well.

Mike Milvanovic was the master of the Blacktown defence, and you had to admire the way Burrows and Jones fought for everything up front.

Blacktown pressed hard for long periods, but for all of the activity in midfield, nothing very much was achieved.

teraining soccer but, disregarding a few blemishes, the standard was surprisingly good.

It was a match when chances came much more on the break than via a steady build up. This added a rather exciting air of the unexpected and is one which applies completely to the goals scored.

On chances Marconi took the points in the first half, however a distinct lack of finishing left Wollongong well in the hunt.

Marconi blew two chances in the first 20 minutes before Wollongong had got a shot in.

Both chances involved some brilliant running by Mark Jankovics who had one of his best games for some time. The first was in the 10th minute when he broke downfield only to be fouled just outside the area.

With Eddie Krncevic in hot pursuit referee Witschge let play go on but Krncevic wasted a golden opportunity by blasting it high wide and handsome.

Only four minutes later Jankovics pushed it wide to Sharne on the left who was giving the Wolves defence all sorts of trouble. He cut infield and instead of shooting himself, squared the ball to Housen, who overran it and another chance went begging.

Wollongong is not a side you can afford to squander chances against and in the 20th minute Campbell reminded Marconi of this when he walked past two defenders.

His shot was charged down but Wollongong refused to wait much longer and hit the front in the 24th minute.

This goal was truly a gem and was totally unexpected as one second the ball was rolling loose 35 m out and next Lee Adams had buried it in the net.

Alan Maher managed to get a hand to the shot but he only succeeded in pushing it into the top of the net.

With a 1-0 lead Wollongong charged forward and nearly was rewarded minutes later.

This time Maher managed to block the shot but it rebounded and a goal mouth scramble occurred with the ball ending in the net. Luckily for Marconi offside was given.

Marconi weathered the storm and came back strongly. This time it was Peter Sharne who caused the embarrassment to the Wolves defence. He raced down the right and crossed to the feet of Krncevic but his control deserted him and the defence managed to clear.

Marconi finally struck back just before half time. The lead up work was again courtesy of Sharne but this time Krncevic made no mistake to head home a near perfect cross.

The second half generated nowhere near the same level of excitement as did the first. Wollongong was much more defensive whereas Marconi clearly indicated its intent by pulling off midfielder Picione and bringing on Steve Johnson.

Despite these efforts no real chances were created as the closing stages faded away into the increasing doom.

For Marconi, Sharne and Jankovics had strong games. Tony Henderson repeatedly tested referee Witschge's patience in the second half following his yellow card early in the match.

For Wollongong it was a

## MATCH RATING 7

good all round performance with Campbell being particularly busy up front.

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Blacktown's Stewart Salvage had a tough time coping with Footscray JUST's midfield on Sunday.



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**PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

		HOME					AWAY					A	Gls	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	(1)	*Sth Melb. Hellas	5	1	1	8	4	2	5	0	12	9	20.13	20
2	(3)**	Sydney C. Hakoah	5	2	0	15	3	3	1	2	7	8	22.9	19
3	(2)	Canberra City	3	3	2	14	8	4	2	1	8	2	20.10	19
4	(3)	Brisbane City	5	2	0	10	2	1	4	3	5	7	15.9	18
5	(5)	*Adelaide C. Juventus	5	0	3	13	8	2	3	1	10	5	23.13	17
6	(8)	Wollongong	2	4	1	9	7	2	4	2	8	6	17.13	16
7	(7)	Marconi-Datsun	4	2	1	9	6	3	0	3	5	9	14.15	16
8	(9)	*Brisbane Lions	5	2	1	13	5	0	3	3	8	9	19.14	15
9	(10)**	APIA Leichhardt	1	3	1	5	5	4	2	2	10	8	15.13	15
10	(8)	Sydney Olympic	4	3	1	14	9	1	1	5	6	14	20.23	14
11	(12)	*Newcastle KB Utd	2	2	3	10	7	3	0	4	7	13	17.20	12
12	(11)	Preston Makedonia	3	2	2	13	8	1	1	6	8	18	19.26	11
13	(16)	Footscray JUST	3	2	2	11	9	0	1	6	1	19	12.28	10
14	(13)	*Heidelberg Alexander	3	1	3	9	10	0	2	5	8	16	17.26	9
15	(14)	*Blacktown City	1	2	3	8	13	1	3	4	8	13	16.26	9
16	(15)	West Adelaide Hellas	2	1	4	7	8	1	1	6	6	14	13.22	8

\*Match in Hand. \*\*Two matches in hand.

**TEAM OF WEEK**

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

KASTNER (1) (Makedonia)			
PERIN (2) (Adel.C.)			
V. BANNON (2) (SM-Hellas)	KONDARIOS (2) (JUST)	S. O'CONNOR (1) (Syd.C. Hakoah)	BERTOIGNA (4) (Newcastle)
WATSON (2) (Syd.C. Hakoah)			
BARNES (2) (Syd.C. Hakoah)			
SHARNE (2) (Marconi)	MITCHELL (6) (Adel.C.)	LUJIC (1) (JUST)	

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### THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Ilioski, Kakantonia) BLACKTOWN 0  
at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab.  
6 Kondarios (F) 5. Lujic (F) 4. Jovanovic (F) 3. Bolland (F) 2.  
Jones (C) 1. Ilioski (F).

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (McNaughton, Bennett, Latchford)  
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Bozanic) at Richlands. Votes  
by Bruce Waddell:

6 Harmiston (BL), 5. Onton (BL), 4. Bennett (BL), 3. Low  
(BL), 2. Ford (WA), 1. McNaughton (BL).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Mitchell) BRISBANE CITY  
0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Memo Toutsidis:

6 Perin (AC) 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. Coe (BC), 3. Russell (AL),  
2. Gaffney (SC), 1. Dunne (BC).

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Christopoulos pen, Blair) at Bruce Stadium.  
BURNIE HELLAS 1 (Wilson own goal). APPIA-LEICH-  
HARDT 3 (Kafka, Morosello, Pirie) at Pratten Park. Votes by  
Tom Anderson:

6 Woodhouse (APIA), 5. Ziros (SO), 4. O'Connor (APIA), 3.  
Kafka (APIA), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. P. Wilson (APIA).

MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Krnecic) WOLLONGONG 1.  
(Adam) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by: Ted Smithies:

6. Sharna (M), 5. Adam (W), 4. Campbell (W), 3. Jankovic  
(M), 2. Dunlovey (W), 1. Tredinick (W).

SYDNEY CITY 2 (Soussan pen. Watson) PRESTON  
MAKEDONIA 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Roger  
Shereck:

6. Watson (SC), 5. Kastner (Mak), 4. S. O'Connor (SC),  
3. Bennett (BL), Dunlovey (Woll), Brown (Mak).

Leaders:  
51. Hermiston (BL)  
46. Mitchell (AC)  
43. T. Byrne (Can)  
42. Ontong (BL)  
40. Kosmina (SC)  
35. de Graaf (Woll)  
34. Ollerton (Mak), Evans (SM)  
33. Bennett (BL), Dunlovey (Woll), Brown (Mak).

32. Katholos (SO).  
31. P. O'Connor (APIA)  
30. Crook (WA)  
29. Ilioski (JUST), Coe (BC).

Top scorers:  
8. Boden (SC).  
7. Ollerton (Mak).

6. J. Nyakohus, Mitchell (AC), Kosmina (SC), Sharna  
(Mak), Christopoulos (SM).

5. Barnes (SC), Evans (SM), Millman (BL), P. O'Connor (A-  
PIA), Gibson, Valeri (Can).

4. Cullen (Mak), Russell (AC), P. Wilkinson, Hamilton (BC),  
Koussas (SO).



# O'CONNOR TAKES ON RUSSELL

Rule Rascal reckons that Adelaide City will finish in the PSL top four and if he's going to be right the City lads must beat APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Monday afternoon in a deferred game from round 10.

I think City will win.

David Mitchell impresses me more every time I see him.

Former Soccerco captain Peter Wilson will have his hands full when he comes up against the national youth team striker.

But the climax of this match should be the Bobby Russell - Phil O'Connor confrontation.

O'Connor has fine ball skills, good acceleration and enjoys running at opponents.

Russell is tough and uncompromising. He closes down quickly and won't give O'Connor much room.

APIA probably will try to isolate both City full backs so O'Connor and Sebastian Glampaco can run at them but City sweeper John Paris is one of the best in the business. His experience and ability to read play are crucial to City's success. He won't slip up against APIA.

# Makedonia 8, Marconi 8, Morton's men march on

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Anarchism will rear its ugly head at Connor Reserve on Sunday when Preston Makedonia takes on Marconi.

Have a close look at the defenses of these sides and you'll see evidence of the major assets of anarchy - spontaneity, impulse and disorder.

The goal-scoring possibilities of this game are mind-boggling!

I can just see the scoreline now: Makedonia 8 Marconi 8.

Journalists could need a pocket calculator to keep a check on the score!

The eternally divided will be deriving into the PSL.

record books to see if five hat-tricks in the one game is a record.

And the defenders from either side will be looking for a hammer and some nails to board up the goals at half time.

Seriously though if either of these defenses were mentioned in Darwin as the Arian hordes advanced on Australia I'd be looking for bank loan to open up a Chinese restaurant.

Both defenses have more

street features than the F1-11.

I'll go for a draw.

It's just as well that it's not a cup match. Then it would be ten-goals-the-winner stuff.

It's funny how things change.

If someone came up to you in the street and asked you how Heidelberg went last year you'd have to stop and think for a while.

Wollongong won't take time off to marvel at the Burgess 1981 record. Marconi's Marvels are writing themselves into the record books right now.

The good is the two points that Blacktown will win, the bad is the bad news that West Adelaide will get at the end of this season and the ugly is the scenes which will follow this bad news.

Seriously, West, but I think you are doomed.

Paul Burness will add to the gloom on Sunday along with his Blacktown team mates.

Newcastle must beat Brisbane Lions on Sunday at the International Sports Field.

The KB side needs a shot in the arm like I need a haircut (or so I'm always told).

If tell you what.

If KB beats Lions I'll get a haircut.

But remember Don't believe everything you read.

**IN MELBOURNE**  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** v Sydney Olympic at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Hellas 2-0, 1-1, 1978 - Hellas 2-1, 1-1, 1979 - Hellas 1-0, 1-1. Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 3 draws. Goals: 8-4.

**Preston Makedonia** v Marconi (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

**IN SYDNEY**  
**BLACKTOWN** v West Adelaide at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 - WA 4-2, Black'n 1-0.

**APIA LEICHHARDT** v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Lambert Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - J.U.S.T. 5-1, APIA 3-2 1980 - J.U.S.T. 1-0, 0-0. Advantage J.U.S.T. 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 8-4.

**IN ADELAIDE**  
**Adelaide City** v Canberra (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: AC 2-0, 1-1, 1978 - AC 3-1, 2-2, 1979 - AC 2-0, 2-1, 1980 - Canb 1-0, 1-1. Advantage Adelaide City 4 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 13-7.

**IN NEWCASTLE**  
**NEWCASTLE** v Brisbane Lions at International Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 - Lions 2-1, 2-2, 1979 - Lions 3-0, 2-2, 1980 - Newc 4-1, 0-0. Advantage Lions 2 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 10-9.

**IN WOLLONGONG**  
**WOLLONGONG** v Heidelberg at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday 3 pm.

**IN BRISBANE**  
**Brisbane City** v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Spencer Park, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SCH 3-1, 0-0, 1978 - SCH 3-0, 2-0, 1979 - SCH 1-0, BC 1-0, 1980 - BC 2-1, 1-0. Advantage Sydney City Hakoah 4 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses. Goals: 10-5.

## PHILIPS CUP

Dates and times of Philips Cup matches:  
Today (Wednesday): Round 2. Canberra City v Sydney Olympic replay, Seiffert Oval, Queensland 7.30 pm, quarter-final - Brisbane Lions v Hakoah (Vici) Lions Stadium, 8 pm.  
Monday June 8: Round 2. Brisbane City v Newcastle, Spencer Park 3.00 pm.  
Wednesday June 17: Quarter-final - Heidelberg v Adelaide City, Olympic Park 7.30 pm.

## Junior star of the week

Michael James Reagan (pictured), aged 11, of Hastings (Vic) is our "Buffalo Sports" Junior.

Michael - "Mickey", or "Reagy" to his mates, is one of the players of the week has been a keen soccer player since he first joined in a game at his local primary school when he was only seven.

Michael likes to chase the goals. He prefers being a forward, but doesn't mind playing defensively when the occasion demands. His best moment in soccer so far was the first goal, two years ago, but still perfectly fresh in his mind.

His team won most of its matches last year, but its greatest triumph was in the early weeks of this season when it finally managed to beat its greatest rival, Peninsula Under 11, after trying for two years.

Michael has never been to any big international matches, but he watches soccer on TV whenever he can. He's an Arsenal supporter. "No special reason. They're a great team," he says.



Those men who give up their evenings and weekends to train and encourage young soccer talent sometimes need encouragement themselves. Here's one youngster who really appreciates what his coach has done for him and the team. Bill Bleakley has been his coach for the past four years. To Michael, Bill's the best.

"He's good fun. He keeps up your interest, and he helps you," he says.

## Hat-trick heroes

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes: Mark Schavetta, 11, four goals (Grensbrough); John Zembury, 10, six goals (Keilor Austria); Anthony Cogswell, 10 (Nunawading); Steve Avani, 9 (Chelsea); Dusko Nekic, 12, Paul Babe, 12, four goals; Ivica Jukic, 11, four goals; Zeljko Gajula, 12, four goals (Sunshine Heights); Arthur Hronas, 14 (Malvern City); Joe Kasilo, 10, five goals; Ivica Kna, 9, Brace Rados, 9, six goals (Maidstone); S. Hibic, (Broadmeadows). Frank

Dellagrazia, 14 (Seamans); Craig Cubitt, 10, Derek Warbey, 10 (Cresdon); Con Grosios, 14 (South Oakleigh); Mark Sabljak, 11, Colin Bartlett, 8, seven goals; Simon Fields, 8, seven goals; Ian Ashley, 8, four goals; Andrew Steinberg, 7, Rodney Newenhuizen, 7, David Morina, 10, four goals; Spencer Jones, 14, eight goals; Corey Fahnie, four goals (Fernree Gully); Arthur Davis, 10, (Altona); Peter Zogakis, 12 (South Oakleigh); Arthur Kagioglou, 12 (Sunshine Heights); Bradford Heier, 7 (Springvale); Dwayne Bishop, 7 (Cranbourne); Steve Prskalo, 13 (Wondonga City); Tasos Anastasiou, 13, four goals; Piero Lepre, 13, four goals (Nunawading Utd); John Anastasiadis, 12 (Meadow Park); Tom Hanlon, 15, six goals; Leigh Shearn, 9, four goals; Alistair Black, 7 (Karingal); Jeremy Blaney, 8 (Eltham); Johnny Markovski, 11 (Sunshine); Christian Ibeas, 11, five goals (South Dandenong); George Markoutsas, 8, Justin Bown, 7, Bill Katsoulis, 8 (Nunawading City); Chris McGeechan, 9 (Brighton); J. Rizza, 14 (Juventus); Marko Silic, 9 (Essendon Croatia); Andrew Katie, 9, Peter Manakis, 12, four goals; Greg Thomaidis, 12, four goals (Dingey); Steve Markou, 16, four goals; Arthur Tsatsas, 13, four goals (East Bentleigh); Frank Bezzina, 15, five goals; Patrick Bezzina, 11, James Schieras, 8, nine goals (Morwell Falcons); Stave Solakis, 13 (Heidelberg Alexander); George Mesik, 11, six goals (Brunswick City); Frank Witke, 13 (Knox); Jergo Gagic, 15, four goals (Belstar); Brett Cowie, 7, four goals; Simon Mitchell, 7, seven goals; Jeff Spaulthill, 12 (Bundoora); Tony Calle, 13, four goals (Ess. Croatia); Nick Dimitrakis, 10, six goals (Kew Park Rangers); C. Hone, 7, six goals (Hampton Park); Mijo Colina, 11 (Maidstone Dinamo); Con Grosios, 13, Joe Leonardos, 13 (South Oakleigh); Dimitrios Asimacopoulos, 11 (Mildura Hawks).

# Worden, Wormley lift Launceston

Launceston Juventus is poised to become the first Northern Tasmanian club to finish in the top three in the State League.

And the Northern boys could take off the title, an amazing achievement for a club which has struggled to avoid relegation in recent times.

Coach Ken Worden is at the forefront of the Juventus assault on championship honours.

Worden gained his senior coaching badge at Melbourne's Monash University late last year and it is his second coaching stint with Juventus.

He first took over half-way through the 1979 season when Launceston Juventus was in deep trouble in second last place in the State League.

Worden had to travel from Hobart to Launceston three times a week but his commitment was rewarded as his side lost only two more games that season, knocked off Rapid West Point in the final of the Cadbury Cup and was runner-up in the Floodlight Cup.

Launceston Juventus is the only unbeaten side in the 1981 State League and sits on top of the table, one point clear.

Worden has brought four English professionals to Launceston. One of them, Paul Wormley, 19, is the coup of the season.

Current Leeds United manager Alan Clarke signed Wormley as a 17-year-old for Barnsley and played the young striker in the first team three weeks later.

Wormley's striking partner at Juventus is Peter Sawdon and this duo is well supported by midfielder Peter Saville who had five years with Leeds and central defender Ernie Guest, ex-Huddersfield town.

There could be big celebrations up north at the end of this year's Tasmanian State League - CRAIG MACKENZIE

## CELTIC CLUB MEETS

The next meeting of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club will be tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30 at the Club Hotel in Spencer Street, Melbourne.



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Kickaburra is a feature of a free soccer clinic to be held at Nunawading City's home ground, Mahoney's Road, Nunawading on Monday, June 8.

The day will start at 11 am, the clinic runs from 12 noon to 2 pm and games will be held from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Well known soccerers and Philips League players will attend the clinic.

A change of clothing should be brought if weather conditions are adverse.

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# Rangers are Metro's big hope

By about 5 pm on Monday afternoon we'll know whether the Metropolitan League will be represented in the quarter-finals of the 1981 Dockerty Cup.

Frankston Pines, Park Rangers and Altona Gate claimed State League scalps, in the first main round of the cup but Park Rangers has the best chance of these three of repeating its giant killing act.

Rangers face Altona at Kim Reserve in a game which could go either way. I've tipped Rangers as I expect a disciplined performance like the one they put up to down George Cross a few weeks ago.

The rivalry here should spur players of both sides.

Rangers coach Hugh Murney and manager Joe Docherty took over the reins at Altona for a brief period late last year but left after expressing dissatisfaction with the club's lack of player depth and quality.

A tale of two Frankstons will be told at Frankston Pines headquarters on Monday when Frankston City joins the home team against Morwell Falcons and Croydon respectively.

I almost tipped Falcons to beat City. Certainly the City side will find Falcons

tough to toss but if Charlie Egan still is a Frankston player on Monday then I think he'll make the difference between these sides.

Pines face an enormous task against Croydon.

At the end of this match Bill McArthur's side will have been stretched to the limit but I can't see Pines taking successive State League scalps here.

The second main round draw and venues are listed below. The first game, at each venue, will kick-off at 1.00 pm. Likely winners in capitals:

At Monterey Park, Pines Estate Frankston: **FRANKSTON CITY** v Morwell Falcons, Frankston Pines v CROYDON CITY.

At Green Gulch Reserve, St. Albans Road, St. Albans: Polonia v **AJAX CROATIA** v Slavia. At Kim Reserve, Millers Road, Altona: **SUNSHINE CITY** v Altona Gate, Altona City v **KEW PARK RANGERS**.

At Wembley Park, Cnr. Canterbury & Middleborough Rds, Box Hill, Ringwood city v **DOVETON**, WESTERN SUBURBS v Juventus - **CRAIG MACKENZIE**.

## DOVETON STILL UNBEATEN

**SUNSHINE 0 DOVETON 1** (Cherrie).

**SUNSHINE:** Contini 7 - Dixey 8, Ellis 8, Lowe 8, Morovic 8 - Mussel 6, Nelson 7, McNally 6 (Bannigan 68th), Laing 6 - Morovic 7, Pate 8.

**DOVETON:** Ivanoff 8 - Thurlow 7, Corke 8, Merrick 7, McConville 7 - Train 8 (in, Porter 50th), Willcock 7, Campbell 6 - Bentley 6, Cherrie 7, Quin 7.

An Arthur Cherrie goal in the 38th minute kept Doveton's unbeaten State League record intact.

Again the Doves used the free kick play of driving the ball low into the area to good use and looked the better side in the first half.

Cherrie's all important goal started when Alec McConville played a short free kick to Alan Quin who crossed into the Sunshine area. The ball was headed out to Paul Corke who trapped then shot straight at Cherrie. He turned and volleyed home first time.



But the game turned around in the second half and the Shiners could easily have snatched a point.

Strangely it was Sunshine right back Mike Dixey who had three good chances to level.

McConville twice passed back poorly but Sunshine couldn't take advantage.

Dixey pounced on a poor back pass after Ernie Merrick and Paul Corke had got tangled up just outside their six yard area but the Shiners defender shot at shoulder height into keeper Lou Ivanoff and the ball deflected out for a corner.

Midway through this half Frank Mussel headed on at the near post but Dixey's header was cleared off the line and in the last minute another Dixey header shaved the outside of the upright.



Slavia goalkeeper Phil Hammond holds the ball low as Albion Rovers' Mick D'Sylva comes leaping in. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## It could have been a cricket score!

**ALTONA 0 GEORGE CROSS 4** (Toal 2, G. Bannan, Flaherty).

**ALTONA:** Massani 6 - Thompson 6, K. Wilson 5, Deluca 4 - Walters 5, Innes 6, Pavlovic 5 - Little 5 (in, Hands 40th St, Whyte 7, O'Boyle 5).

**GEORGE CROSS:** O'Hara 6 - Morgan 7, Wilkinson 8, McIlinden 8, McKinlay 7 - Gambin 7, G. Bannan 9, Mizi 5 - Flaherty 7, Toal 9, Papers 7.

Jim Adam's George Cross thumped Altona by four goals but Bobby Toal was a cricket score at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

Cross opened the scoring in the sixth minute when Paul Gambin's shot was deflected to Ged Bannan who struck the ball home from 15 metres.

Brian Flaherty pounced on a goalmouth scramble to add number two in the 35th minute but Bobby Toal was unlucky twice in this half when shots hit the bar and the upright.

The Cross dominance continued in the second half even with the visitors playing against the wind.



Harry McKinlay was through but rather than square to Flaherty the Cross defender shot, and Bannan's header from a Toal cross was cleared off the line.

Bannan made amends by twice setting up Toal and his team mate didn't let him down.

Altona was caught on both occasions, coming out trying to catch Cross with the offside trap but Toal was too quick, coming out with the defence then doubling back and running onto Bannan's through balls and slotting them away.

Dave Rigby was injured in a training mishap and was unavailable but will be back for Sunday's clash with Sunshine.

# McGorrie to Pines, Henderson to Eltham

**Second Division club Frankston Pines was expected to sign Slavia striker Mick McGorrie for \$5,000 as we went to press.**

McGorrie, one of Slavia's best players during its State League campaign in 1980, would bolster the Pines strike force.

Along with another Pines newcomer, Gerry Edmondson, he would form one of the best attacking duos in the Metro Leagues.

Former Hakoah and Moreland coach Sandy Henderson has taken over at Third Division club Eltham.

Eltham is struggling at the foot of Third Division and Henderson has taken the first team coaching post only on a trial basis.

Eltham, along with many other clubs, will bolster its first team squad before the transfer deadline ends on June 30.

Any interested players should contact Gordon Kirkwood on 247 4689 or Ritchie Mitchell on 439 8266.

Polonia bought Richmond striker Alex Marshall for \$3,800 and made his debut against Altona Gate on Sunday.

**FIRST DIVISION**  
**POLONIA 2** (Wallace, Lake), **ALTONA GATE 1** (Skorisa).

**POLONIA:** Dzielskiowski, R. Upiarski, Zaworski, S. Klein, Pichner, Marshall, Wallace, P. Czepnik, S. Kowalski, Labic, Krynski, Gornick replaced Marshall 76th.

**ALTONA GATE:** I. Dimitrievski, Navoski, Dorosovski, Sarovski, Kralovski, Naselkovski, Golevski, Skorisa, Dimovski, Talevski, Bostovski (S. Dimitrievski 79th min).

Polonia remained on top of the First Division table at the half way mark of the season when it came from behind to defeat Altona Gate 2-1 at Maribyrnong Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia kicked off with the aid of a strong wind and after missing two good chances to score Altona Gate hit the front in the 22nd minute when Skorisa broke away from his opponent and hit a low shot which was deflected by a defender past keeper Leszek Dzielskiowski.

In the 57th minute the home side was back on level terms when Krynski hit a low shot past Altona keeper Dimitrievski and John Wallace was there to ram the ball home.

The second goal came in the 70th minute when Brendan Labic hit a hard shot straight at the keeper who could only help the ball on its way into the back of the net.

**SLAVIA 1** (Griffiths), **ALBION 3** (D'Sylva 2, Nisbet pen).

**SLAVIA:** Griffiths, Nisbet, Pen. **ALBION:** D'Sylva 2, Nisbet pen.

Albion Rovers, reinforced by new signings Andy McMillan and John Creany, made hard work of beating Slavia at the Showgrounds on Saturday.

Slavia was the better side in the first half and led deservedly at the interval thanks to a Dave Griffiths shot which was deflected by a defender's foot to leave goalie Billy Johnson stranded.

But Albion was a much more cohesive combination in the second half, thanks probably to a few remarks from Frank Munro during the break and Mick D'Sylva levelled with a neat header at the 49th minute.

Slavia ran out of steam and Albion grew in confidence especially after Bob Nisbet put it ahead from the penalty spot after Kazi Pirtowski had been brought down.

In the dying minutes of the game, Mick D'Sylva, who seemed well offside, was allowed to go on and score a third goal and the Slavia players left the field pondering the injustice of it all and no doubt puzzled as to how they lost a game that had seemed so safely in their grasp.

One consolation for them though, is that they have a rising star in 18 year-old goalkeeper Phil Hammond, who was brilliant in keeping Albion

at bay after his defenders had lost their composure late in the game. - **LES SHORROCK**

**KEW PARK RANGERS 0 BOX HILL 0**

**NEW PARK RANGERS:** Vassiliou, Opatos, McLeod, Spalding, Stuart, Parsons, Gibson, Nisbett, Campbell 7, (Campbell 76 min), Scott, (Bale 60 min), Williams.

**BOX HILL:** Morgan, Featherstone, (Kraevan 43 min), Brownlie, Singleton, Rae, McLeod, Verechic, Macleod, Valentine, Lawler (Dorlington 79 min).

Box Hill always looked more classy than its opponent but after failing to grab an early goal against a grimly defensive Kew Park Rangers, did well in the end to come away with a point.

Ray Taylor will still be wondering how he managed to miss two gilt edged chances.

In the second half the Hillmen's grip slackened and Rangers were able to get into the game, with Parsons and Gibson doing a power of work in midfield, and Spalding and McLeod holding firm at the back.

**KEILOR AUSTRIA 2 MORELAND 0**

Austria dominated play from the beginning with Webb, Grbic and Brewerton combining well to take control of midfield.

**DISTRICT LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 1** Sunday: CENTRAL CITY v Malbank, CHELTENHAM v Monna Park, Abbotsford v MALVERN CITY, BRUNSWICK CITY v BUNLEY POSTAL INSTITUTE v Mitcham United, Albion United v SOUTH DANDENONG.

**DIVISION 2** Sunday: North Sandvale v WEST GEELONG, EAST CARLTON v Paceside Vale, ADOPT v North Melbourne, Central Brunswick v CLARINDA, Vermont v HAMPTON WANDERERS.

**DIVISION 3** Sunday: SEAGROVE UNITED v Port United, Marston United v Moorfield, Albion United v Diamond Creek, BALCLAVA, BATMAN UNITED v Baxter, Springvale United v CHANDRINE.

**CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 1** Sunday: Melbourne Uni, Amateurs v Bundoora (ideal), Cheltenham v MEADWAY PARK, Endeavour Hills, Maccabi, HAWK, HAWK.

**DIVISION 2** Sunday: Melbourne Uni, Amateurs v Bundoora (ideal), Cheltenham v MEADWAY PARK, Endeavour Hills, Maccabi, HAWK, HAWK.

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In the 25th minute Ossie Latif picked up a loose ball outside the box, brilliantly dribbled past four Moreland defenders and gave the keeper no chance from 5 metres.

In the second half Moreland was much more determined but failed miserably up front.

In the 80th minute Ossie Latif again pounced on a bad defensive error, side stepped the oncoming goalkeeper and made it 2-0.

**BEST:** Austria: Brewerton, Ossie Latif.

**SECOND DIVISION**  
**HELLAS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 1** (Edmondson)

**PINES:** Stutchbury 7, Thomas 7, Ferris 7, D. Luca 8, Murray 8, Vohr, Edmondson, Jnr, Hughes, Jones, Rowe, Martinovic, Glascock 6, Edmondson 6, Watson 6.

Pines continued their revival with a 50th minute goal from Gerry Edmondson.

Pines youngster Andy Golby tried to cross to Frankston City late last week but on Friday when he went to Soccer House he only had \$13 with him.

Transfer forms cost \$15. Hellas could have taken the lead in the 15th minute when M. Salvo beat three players but was foiled by Dave Stutchbury.

Pines did the best of the second half and it was a Colla Mitchell cross which eluded the Hellas keeper and Pines striker George Malcolm which led to the decisive goal. Edmondson was on hand to tap in from close range.

**THIRD DIVISION**  
**BROADMEADOWS 1 ZUANETTI COBURG 0**

**BROADMEADOWS:** Peco, Scichino, Accoto, Najlovski, Vezini, Preskaki, Sacco, Vaila (Gimitzi), Zuanetti, O'Neill, Balli.

**BEST:** Najlovski, Sacco, Scichino.

**PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Stavridis) PRAHRAN 2 (Tracy, Webb)**

Port Melbourne had the first chance to score but missed a 15th minute penalty.

New signing from Frankston City, David Webb, figured

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In Prahran's first goal when his nose ball on by O'Reilly to Tracy who made no mistake from 5 metres.

Five minutes later Webb hit a scorching volley into the top corner of goal.

But Port hit back by pulling a goal back in the 33rd minute. However Prahran regained control but couldn't convert its chances.

**BEST:** Prahran: Webb, Tracy, Ford.

**FOURTH DIVISION**  
**MORNINGTON 2 (Rowe, Martinovic) NUNAWADING 1** (Beradin)

**MORNINGTON:** Van Edmond, Puzsika, DeJong, Strump, Glascock, Van Edmond, Jnr, Hughes, Jones, Rowe, Martinovic, Martinovic (Beradin 75th).

Two goals in the first half by Rowe and Martinovic gave Mornington a 2-0 lead over Nunawading at half time.

Further chances to Hughes and Rowe went begging. Mornington looked like coasting to a great win when a bad back pass was intercepted by Beradin who scored.

This revitalised Nunawading and for the last 15 minutes Mornington's defence was under constant pressure.

On good goalkeeping by Van Edmond and good work by the Mornington defence kept the score at 2-1.

**BEST:** Mornington: Puzsika, DeJong, Jones.

**AMATEUR LEAGUE**  
**FIRST DIVISION**  
**LYNDALE UTD 4 MELBOURNE UNIV 4**

**SCORERS:** Lyndale: J. McFadden, A. Klatos, B. Klatos, University: P. Willmer, T. E. Kukulka, 1, C. Serri o.p.

**LYNDALE** - M. Martin, R. Bright, T. O'Connor, E. Attalla, C. Anderson, J. Peters, N. Kana, J. Duham, S. Remann, J. McFadden, A. Klatos, B. Klatos, R. Motherap.

**UNIVERSITY** - P. Zarucki, D. Terry, I. Stephenson, T. Sanchez, C. Sewell, S. Dwyer, F. D'Agostini, J. Orton, A. Lewis, E. Kukulka, P. Willmer, J. King, T. Andonou.

**BEST:** Lyndale: M. Martin, N. Kana, J. McFadden, University: P. Willmer, R. Lawia, F. D'Agostini.

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# This week's selections

Selections by Craig MacKenzie:

**METROPOLITAN LEAGUE**

**DIVISION 1** Saturday: Morwell Falcons v Box Hill, Austria v WESTERN SUBURBS, Kew Park Rangers v Albion Rovers (ideal), Kew City v ALTONA GATE.

**Sunday:** SLAVIA v Moreland, Richmond v Polonia (ideal).

**DIVISION 2** Sunday: FRANKSTON PINES v Heidelberg United, DONCASTER RANGERS v DeJong City, Melbourne v FOOTSCRAY JUST, Springvale City v Waverley City (ideal), FAW. KNT v Preston Marston, HELLAS v Andover.

**DIVISION 3** Sunday: ST ALBANS v Frankston City, Port Melbourne v Eltham (ideal), BELL PARK v Fife, Heidelberg v Colong (ideal), Broadmeadows City v RINGWOOD UNITED, WEIRBIE v Yallero.

**DIVISION 4** Saturday: CHELSEA v Females (ideal), Kewbridge v SUBURBY UNITED, SAND.

**RINGHAM CITY** v Moorabbin City, NORTH DANDENONG v Brighton, Monash University v NUNAWADING CITY, Royal Park v Mornington (ideal).

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 1** Saturday: Hantley Rangers v Moorabbin, North United v SOUTH DANDENONG, THOMASTOWN v Essendon City, CAULFIELD CITY v Rosedale, Carlton v Melton (ideal), Greenborough v GEELONG.

**DIVISION 2** Saturday: Hawthorn Citizens v LANGWARRIN, Shaperson City v HAWKINSVILLE, NORTH GEELONG v Laire United, Clayton v BAL. LATAR, South Yarra v KILGERRIE UNITED, East Brunswick v NUNAWADING UNITED.

**DIVISION 3** Saturday: Rose United v Reservoir (ideal), Kewbridge v NUNAWADING UNITED, East Brunswick v NUNAWADING UNITED, BULLEN v Yarrville, West Melbourne v University of Melbourne (ideal).

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## Baysiders' spirit sags

FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)  
NORTHCOE 2 (Tasos, Fakos).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thompson 7, Gillespie 6, Adams 6, Campbell 5, Cooper 6, Buchanan 7, Omond 6, Barrow 6, injured 5, Pryde 70th - Egan 7, Stewart 5.

NORTHCOE: Taschris 7 - Petric 6, Kiriari 7, Nelson 7, Fakos 8 - Rydzic 7, Basalis 8, Kallifidis 6, Mousis 7, (Victor 8th) - Schindler 7, Tasos 6.

A brilliant solo run through the Frankston defence and fine finishing by Northcoe left back Croc Fakes revived the spirit and morale of Northcoe which deserved its 2-1 away win.

It was particularly sweet for Fakes who once played with the Baysiders.

As the Frankston defence came out trying to play offside Fakes fooled everyone by holding possession rather than playing a through ball and suddenly he found a huge gap open up in front so he took off for the Frankston goal. As the stranded Dave Gilbert advanced Fakes coolly slotted the ball inside the near post.

Frankston is a shadow of the side which finished fifth last year.

Gone is the enthusiasm and spirit which characterised the side in 1980. Then again two great characters in Danny McCuskey and David Webb are gone too.

Webb transferred to Third Division club Prahran City late last week.

Northcoe knocked the ball around well but fell down too often up front.

Frankston opened the scoring in the 13th minute.

Fakes was booked after his third foul on Charlie Egan. The resulting free kick wasn't properly cleared. Norrie Campbell gained possession on the left and played inside to Egan. The diminutive striker slugged off one tackle moving inside the area the hammerer a low shot past Taschris from 14 metres.

Northcoe hit back when Gilbert was caught too far off his line and Spiro Tasos volleyed over Gilbert's head from just outside area.

But for that lapse Gilbert was magnificent.

He pulled off two top class saves, diving up and across at full stretch twice shot headed for the top corner.

Frankston's pride hit rock bottom in the 80th minute when Fakes scored the winner.

But if I was a Northcoe supporter I wouldn't get too carried away by the win.

Both clubs need a few players if they are to finish even half way up the league ladder.

## Loughnane takes over

General Tourist sponsors our State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

- 8 - I. Loughnane (Croy)
- 7 - Egan (F), McLeod (GGA)
- 5 - Christie (D), Pate (S).

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## Croydon - victim number three?

Hakoah will try to add Croydon to its list of victims at Middle Park on Saturday.

I can't remember seeing a more physical Hakoah side.

Previously Hakoah was regarded as a good ball playing outfit but not prepared to mix it when the going got tough.

That label has rapidly vanished. Ask Green Gully Ajax and Croatia.

And Croydon faces a baptism of fire on Saturday.

In George Hannah, Hakoah rightly lays claim to the signing of the season.

Hannah was with Celtic Boys when former George Cross defender Derek Barron was there.

Barron claims that Hannah was unlucky not to make it back in Scotland and by end of the season most of the strikers in the State League will be wishing that Hannah had stayed about 12,000 miles away.

But Croydon restored its prestige with 5-0 thrashing of Ringwood on Sunday and will be keen to maintain its momentum toward top spot.

But I think Bill McArthur's side might have to be content with a point on Saturday.

The big game of the weekend is at Green Gully reserve on Sunday where the home side Ajax clashes with Croatia. (see page four).

Northcoe grabbed two vital away points against Frankston but could struggle to repeat the dose against Doveton on Sunday at Waratah Reserve.

Doveton striker Steve Irvine has an infected ankle and is battling to get fit in time for this game.

Even without the talented Irvine, Doveton strikers Arthur Cherrie, Gordon Bentley and Alan Quinn should settle the issue in favor of the home side.

George Cross and Sunshine meet at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

These co-tenants are evenly matched and after a fiercely competitive clash I expect the points to be divided.

Bobby Toal hit his straps last weekend and was unlucky not to grab a hat-trick against struggling Altona.

Against experienced campaigners in Nick Lowe and Steve Ellis Toal will find space at a premium.

Ged Bannan has been consistently good this season and is at the heart of the Cross's mid-field drive.

Dave Rigby was injured at training last week and was unavailable for the Altona game.

but he should add his vision and fine disposal to Cross's efforts on Sunday.

Sunshine will have two players from the Leicester area in England here in time for this match.

Unfortunately the Shiners's committee decided that it wouldn't release the names of these players in time for "Soccer Action" to publish them.

My heartfelt sympathy to the wise men who made this decision as well as to the "Soccer Action" readers who unfortunately can't be informed with this latest development at State League level.

Sunshine is the only State League club which has withheld names from me this season.

Perhaps we'll have to resort to different avenues of information gathering with regard to Sunshine.

If Altona can't take a point from Ringwood at Jubilee Park on Sunday then the Altona committee might have to go into debt again to buy the players needed to save the club's State League status.

I think Ringwood will win.

Juventus and Frankston have similar player needs to Ringwood and Altona.

Apparently no-one at Juventus is too worried about the club's present plight.

The three trustees appointed to handle the club's financial affairs have assured players and supporters that new players will be here, either from local or overseas markets.

Frankston should have Bill Riley here within a fortnight.

Riley, 21, is a striker who has played in the Central League side of English club Blackburn. Recently he was with Norwegian club SPK Vaard.

I expect Frankston to sneak home against Juve.

Ajax v Croatia (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Hakoah v Croydon (draw) at Middle Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

George Cross v Sunshine (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

DOVETON v Northcote at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

RINGWOOD v Altona at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v FRANKSTON at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

GILBERT (F'ton)			
DIXEY (S' shine)	HANNAH (Hakoah)	GARDINER (Ajax)	FAKOS (N'cote)
BANNON (G. Cross)	FRENCH (Hakoah)	BOZIKIS (N'cote)	
TOAL (G. Cross)	McLEOD (Ajax)	I. LOUGHNANE (C'don)	

STATE LEAGUE	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GG-AJAX.....	6	1	1	17	2	13
CROYDON.....	4	3	1	16	10	11
DOVETON.....	3	5	0	12	7	11
HAKOAH.....	4	2	2	8	10	9
Geo Cross.....	4	1	3	12	6	9
Croatia.....	2	5	1	14	10	9
Sunshine.....	3	1	4	12	9	7
Frankston.....	3	1	4	11	13	7
Northcote.....	3	1	4	12	19	7
Ringwood.....	2	2	4	8	15	6
Juventus.....	2	0	6	5	17	4
Altona.....	0	2	6	8	20	2

## Ian hits four

CROYDON 5 (I. Loughnane 4, P. Loughnane) RINGWOOD 0.

CROYDON: Keogh 8 - Brown 6, McCombe 8, Pongha 8, Hoban 8 - Spink 8, Smith 8, Howard 8 - P. Loughnane 9, Brogan 9, I. Loughnane 9.

RINGWOOD: Faam 6 - Pasmann 6, Greenwald 6, Brookes 6, Verriani 6 - O'Riley 6, O'Brien 7, O'Callaghan 5 - Thom 5, Lorton 5, Tattersall 4.

Ian Loughnane blazed a four goal trail to the top of the State League goalscorers list against Ringwood.

Croydon completely dominated the match leading by two goals at the break.

Although the home side opened well it took until the 20th minute for Ian Loughnane to embark upon his remarkable scoring feat.



He gained possession from a scramble inside the Ringwood box. His first shot was blocked, the ball came back to him and he made no mistake the second time.

Peter Loughnane set up brother Ian's second when he took the ball to the by-line, slid down and hammered it across for Ian to slot in at the near post.

Ian nabbed his hat-trick in the 60th minute when he followed up Ian Spink's parried shot and finished his amazing individual effort in the 65th minute by notching his fourth.

Peter Loughnane completed a great family spree when he hammered the ball into the top corner from 20 metres.

Kim Wassell would have played but the Immigration Department has stopped his move to Croydon (see story page one).

John Gardiner produced a bit of magic which tore the Juve defence to shreds.

He intercepted a ball coming out from the Juve defence and cut a swathe

through the Juve players, looked up and saw Fantoma off his line and from 25 metres chipped the ball over Fantoma's head into the top corner of goal.

## Ametco Travel award

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This week's votes:  
CROATIA v HAKOAH  
3 - French (H)  
2 - Hannah (H)  
1 - P. Bannan (C)  
FRANKSTON v NORTHCOE  
3 - Gilbert (F)  
2 - Fakos (N)  
1 - Bozikis (N)  
JUVENTUS v AJAX  
3 - Leod (GGA)  
2 - Gardiner (GGA)  
1 - Morrey (GGA)  
CROYDON v RINGWOOD  
3 - I. Loughnane (Croy)  
2 - Brogan (Croy)  
1 - P. Loughnane (Croy)

3 - Dixey (S)  
2 - Ivanoff (D)  
1 - Corke (D)  
GEORGE CROSS v ALTONA  
3 - G. Bannan (GC)  
2 - Toal (GC)  
1 - Fakos (N)  
1 - Wilkinson (GC)  
Progressive votes:  
11 - Cannal (GGA), French (H), P. Bannan (C)  
10 - Ellis (S)  
9 - Nelson (N), G. Bannan, Wilkinson (GC)  
8 - Gardiner (GGA), Faam (R), Egan (F)  
7 - McLeod (GGA), Gilbert (F)

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This week's winner is Frankston City goalkeeper DAVE GILBERT.

## Croatia predictable

CROATIA 1 (Gilder)  
HAKOAH 1 (McClunzie)

CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Short 7, Kokoska 7, P. Bannan 6, Blaver 6, Adams 6, Kerr 7, Andrews 5 - Mitten (Trent 71st), Gilder 6, Murphy 7.  
HAKOAH: Fryxer 7 - Jordanou 6 - Davidson 7, Hannah 9, Wilson 7, Dossan 6 (McNeil 71st) - Thompson 7, French 9, Gadsby 7 - McClunzie 8, Webster 6.

Croatia lacked flair against Hakoah which, like most sides, knows exactly how Croatia will play week in week out.

Hakoah's effort and ferocious tackling suggested that instead of a mere handful of supporters there were thousands of Hakoah fans cheering for it in the stands.

Pity though that the Croatia fans can't get behind the team rather than abuse players and even coach Len McKendry.

Croatia was well on top early with Noel Mitten hitting the bar with a volley in the 15th minute.

Short played a major part in a near miss by Croatia when he took off, initially through

Juventus 0 Ajax 4 (McLeod 2, Wallace, Gardiner).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 6 - Curcio 7, Panto 6, Donaldson 5, Garamis 6 - Mid 6, Targuino (Voccare 26th, 31, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th) - Incastrato 6, Warner 6.  
AJAX: Derry 7 - Lewis 7, Cannell 6, Gardiner 8, Bannett 7 - Grescoen 6, (Hogben 71st), Vassallo 6, Williams 7 - Wallace 7 (Wall 65th), McLeod 8, Morrey 8.

Juventus was hopeless and Ajax recorded a workmanlike win with newcomer Gordon Wallace scoring and setting up Gus McLeod for one of his two goals.

Bill Morrey played a through ball to Wallace in the ninth minute. The Scot was well positioned to score but unselfishly cut the ball back to the incoming McLeod who hammered it home from 12 metres.

Morrey also figured in Ajax's second, taking the ball to the by-line then driving it across for Wallace whose diving header at the near post went under Alex Fantoma's body.

Wallace played the ball wide to Morrey on the right in the 56th minute. Morrey's cross was met by McLeod who headed firmly into the roof of the net from 12 metres.

The rout was completed in great style in the 61st minute. Juventus had sprung the outside fairly successfully but

the middle but later switching to the left, and crossed to Howard Andrews who headed goalward only to see Graham French's spectacular overhead kick keep the scoreline blank.

Croatia hit the front in the 55th minute when Keith Adams's free kick was deflected on to Carl Gilder whose first shot bounced off a Hakoah defender but his second shot from five metres opened the scoring.

Within a minute scores were level.

Steve Gadsby floated a long free kick into the Croatia area and Blasby came out, caught the ball then dropped it to Richie McClunzie who calmly stroked it into the empty goal.

Both sides had penalty appeals turned down late in the game. - MICK O'BRIEN.



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